

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

FACT SHEET

**APPROVAL TO EXECUTE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS
FOR STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to execute four new affiliation agreements with existing educational institutions and authorization to enter into future affiliation agreements for Student Professional Development Programs with qualified universities and other educational institutions.

REQUEST

Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute four affiliation agreements with existing educational institutions for the Student Professional Development Program (SPDP) for a five-year term, and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to enter into future new affiliation agreements with qualified universities and other educational institutions for SPDPs, and to execute amendments to existing or future new agreements

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Board approval of the recommended actions will allow continuation of the services provided by the existing affiliation agreements expiring on June 30, 2011 for a five-year term. In addition, Board approval will allow the Department to enter into future new agreements with universities and other educational institutions for SPDPs as the need arises. The SPDP provides specialized training and clinical experience to students in the fields of nursing, gerontology, occupational therapy, psychiatric technician, psychology, social work, marriage and family therapy, and vocational rehabilitation

BACKGROUND

This training program provides a mutual benefit to Department of Mental Health and the students, whereby the student interns receive supervised training and clinical experience directly from DMH staff at County facilities, and DMH benefits by the provision of services to mental health clients. In addition, this additional workforce serves as a potential recruitment pool for DMH.

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